

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-15 and 17-24 will be pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 15, 17, 18, and 20 are currently amended to correct minor typographical errors and as described below. Claim 16 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 23 and 24 are new. Support for claim 23 can be found on page 7, lines 20-22 of the specification. Support for claim 24 can be found of page 21, lines 17-19 of the specification. No new matter is added.

Applicants' response to the Examiner's Office Action is as follows.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 9 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner states that these claims contain the word “including” which, according to the Examiner, is confusing and indefinite since it does not set forth all that is included or excluded. Applicants have amended claims 9 and 20 to remove the word “including” from the claims. In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 9 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner has determined claims 1-8, 10-19, and 21-22 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

This reply is intended to further this case to allowance by addressing each ground of rejection in the Examiner's Office Action. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2570. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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